



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Notice of Limited Access *North Fork Nooksack River*

Effective December 1, 2005, motorized access in the North Fork Nooksack River area on DNR-managed land is limited to street-legal vehicles on roads only.

The affected area is located in Whatcom County, northeast of Bellingham, near Deming (see map on reverse). The action to limit access to street-legal vehicles on roads only is a result of concerns about protecting the environment and managing resources.

Sediment delivery to the river and to streams affects water quality and results in deterioration of salmon habitat. This area is managed as a working forest. Damage to the soil, logging roads, and trees impacts DNR's trust revenue and resources that benefit both present and future generations.

Public safety is also a concern at North Fork Nooksack River, because of the high concentration of user-built ORV trails not constructed or maintained to appropriate standards.

Other ORV Recreation Opportunities

For ORV riders, 400 miles of ORV trails, nine developed ORV areas, dispersed multiple-use trails, and a number of roads are available on state lands. In Northwest Washington, DNR manages the Walker Valley ORV area, centrally located about an hour from both Pilchuck and North Fork.

Walker Valley is a DNR-managed ORV area with 36 miles of trails. Located off Highway 9 near Lake Cavanaugh, it is open year-round.

Other areas for ORV riding on DNR-managed land include the Tahuya and Capitol Forest. For more information, send e-mail to orv_comments@wadnr.gov, or call 360-856-3500.

Maps

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